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MORON ATTACKS GIRL OF 5 YRS.

BRUTAL ACT COMMITTED BY GROCER

Second Assault On 5 Year-Old
Child In Six Months. One-
Legged Moron Held
To Grand Jury.

Willard Vaughn, a one-legged grocer at 533 East 37th street, residing at 4911 Wabash avenue, was held to the grand jury in \$5,000 bonds in the Harrison street court Tuesday morning for alleged criminal assault upon Gonzella Vincent, 518 East 37th place.

The assault occurred in the grocery store operated by Vaughn at the 37th street address at 4:30 p. m. Monday afternoon.

Lures Child With Cake

The five-year-old girl had been sent to Vaughn's grocery store by her mother. She returned home with a look of horror on her tear-stained face, and holding in her hand a half-eaten cake given her by the grocer. The girl's mother, Mrs. U. S. Vincent, at once scented trouble and began an investigation which revealed blood stains on the child's clothing. Upon further questioning the child told an incoherent story, accusing Vaughn as her assailant. Her reluctance to talk indicated that the one-legged moron had frightened her with threats in case she exposed the incident.

Vaughn's Second Offense

Detectives from the 35th Precinct station at once accompanied the girl to Vaughn's store where she positively identified Vaughn as her assailant. The grocer made a sweeping denial of any knowledge of the affair.

Gonzella Vincent now charges that this is the second attack made upon her by the crippled moron. On the previous occasion she was so thoroughly frightened by his threats that she refused to inform her mother who her assailant was. This happened six months ago, and the child was placed in a hospital for treatment.

She was attended by Dr. T. S. Officer, 4302 State street.

LIBERIA WANTS LOAN IN RETURN FOR NAVAL BASE

MONROVIA, Liberia, March 3.—Reports are in circulation here that Liberia will cede to the United States a naval base on the western coast of Africa in return for a loan which C. D. King, president of the little republic, has gone to America to negotiate. In commenting on the subject, the Nuevo Mundo speculates on the position of Spanish colonies along the African coast if such a project should be carried out.

The newspaper argues that an American loan would be the first step towards the establishment of the United States on African soil, and suggests that, owing to their perilous position, Spanish Guinea, Rio de Oro and Fernando Po might be sold with advantage to the United States. As an alternative to such a sale the newspaper says it might be well to ask where the rumored American-Liberian agreement was leading, because "Spanish possession there would be indefensible if an American naval base should be established in Liberia, and Spain would maintain her sovereignty only with the permission of Washington."

DRUNK WHEN WED, HE WANTS DIVORCE

DANVILLE, Va., March 3.—Last October John Fulton Wells, white, got drunk, and got married soon afterward. This is his complaint in a petition to the Circuit Court for a divorce from his wife, Mrs. Lena Slade Wells, who is colored.

He avers that he and his wife went together for some time in Danville, and that they eloped to Philadelphia in order to get married where a union of the races is permitted. Mrs. Wells is now in Philadelphia, because the law will not allow them to live here in peace and harmony.

For these and divers other reasons, Wells declares, and especially since absence from his brown-skinned wife has made his heart grow cold, he respectfully asks the court for a divorce. It is believed here that the court will grant Wells' request "with pleasure." Shell-Shocked Soldier Runs Amuck, Kills 1, Wounds 2

Cabaret Singer's Husband Slays Rival

The One-Legged Moron's Victim

Little Gonzella Vincent, 518 E. 37th Place, who for the second time in six months was lured into the grocery store of Willard Vaughn, a one-legged moron, at 533 E. 37th St. Vaughn is now being held to the Grand Jury in \$5,000 bonds.



LITTLE
GONZELLA
VINCENT

THREATEN TO LYNCH WHITE MAN ABOUT COLORED GIRL

WESSON, Miss., March 3.—Fear of lynching of Troy Fuller, white, who was arrested here and taken to Hazelhurst on a statutory crime, involving a little colored girl, was expressed here strongly Friday.

Fuller, who is a railroad worker, as arrested late the night following the alleged confession of an 11-year-old white boy who had been reported as an accomplice to the crime. Conflicting reports did not stop the officers from arresting Fuller, who is alleged to have been the principal offender. Two other colored girls, aged 6 and 11 are said to be the witnesses. Noted Minister Dies.

ALABAMA MILITIA ARE INDICTED AS LYNCHERS

JASPER, Ala., March 3.—Nine members of the Alabama National Guard, previously charged with the lynching of William Baird, a miner, near here on January 13, and whose cases were squashed, were re-indicted today on charges of murder by the special grand jury, which reconvened to pursue its inquiry.

"Other persons were indicted," the foreman stated, "but neither the number nor names will be announced until arrests have been made."

Guardsmen under indictment are Roy Patton, Jr., Ernest W. Speed, W. E. Hamby, Manly Sexton, James Franklin, Robert J. Lancaster, Joseph W. Key, Glen R. Stephens and Clarence Richardson. All are members of Company M, Tuscaloosa.

State's attorneys announced that an effort will be made to bring the troops and the others indicted to trial in Walker county, during the next two weeks.

CELEBRATES 105th BIRTHDAY

QUINCY, Ill., March 3.—Mrs. Jennie Daniels, a former slave, is today celebrating her 105th birthday. She was born in Virginia, but later went to Missouri. Her husband, who served through the Civil War, died five years ago. She has one daughter, aged 80 years.

DR. MITCHELL GETS LIFE FOR POISONING NEPHEW

MACON, Ga., March 2.—M. C. Mitchell, prominent druggist, was found guilty of poisoning his nephew, Henry S. Mitchell, ex-serviceman, by a jury in Superior Court Sunday night, with a recommendation of mercy. The Georgia law fixes a penalty of life imprisonment under the circumstances, and Judge Mathews announced he would impose sentence immediately.

The state showed that \$24,000 insurance was carried on the life of the former soldier, \$10,000 of which was with the War Risk Bureau, and on each of the more than a dozen policies, M. C. Mitchell was the beneficiary.

Irregularities in the death and burial certificates aroused suspicion, and federal agents investigated the case and obtained an order for exhumation of the body. Chemists testified they found fifteen to twenty grains of a deadly poison in the viscera.

Counsel for Mitchell announced they would file a motion for appeal. Trial began Thursday and the case went to the jury at 8:25 o'clock Saturday night.

DOCTOR SUES PASTOR FOR SLANDER

ALBANY, Ga., March 3.—The Rev. Edgar, pastor of St. James' Baptist Church, is being sued for slander, damages sought being \$1,000, by Dr. E. F. McIntosh, a physician, who says that the preacher has been "camping on his trail" for eight years.

The suit was filed in circuit court Saturday by Attorney J. B. White. White declared that his client's reputation as a physician has been attacked repeatedly and without cause by the Rev. Edgar. As an instance, White said that Edgar had told a patient of McIntosh that he would rather have his tonsils "jerked out" by a passing bulldog than by McIntosh.

The Rev. Edgar denies all the charges and further says he has never had any dealings with McIntosh except of a friendly nature. The physician is not a member of the St. James flock.

PERMANENT INJUNCTION SUED AGAINST CAFE

A second permanent injunction against the Entertainer's cafe at 209 East Thirty-fifth St. was issued yesterday by Judge Landis, who previously had closed the place for one year.

CRAZED MAN SHOTS THREE KILLING ONE

Discharged From Hospital Before Cured; Imagines He Is Being Attacked.

WASHINGTON, D. C., March 3.—Between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock Sunday morning the peace and quietude of one of the aristocratic colored sections of this city was disturbed by one of the most deplorable tragedies in the history of Washington. Twitty Linwood Harris, an ex-soldier, shortly released from the Walter Reed Hospital for shell-shock, became mentally unbalanced and killed one white policeman and one colored man and seriously wounded another.

After a chase which lasted for half an hour or more he was finally cornered at his home, 948 Westminister St. N. W., and instantly killed by three policemen from the 8th Precinct District.

On the eve of the investigation of the Walter Reed Hospital, this comes as a warning that the affairs of the Walter Reed Hospital should be thoroughly investigated. This soldier should never have been released from the hospital, as he has been acting peculiarly for several days. We find after investigation that a great number of colored soldiers are being released on the community not being sufficiently cured of their ailment. Why this wholesale release of men who should have every protection possible should be thoroughly investigated, because it is not only a menace to the community but unfair to the noble boys who sacrificed their health on the battlefields of France so that the race might have a place in the sun.

GEORGIA WHITES BEAT AND KID- NAP WRONG MAN

CAIRO, Ga., March 2.—H. H. Holder, a well known insurance man, and an officer of high standing, went to Valdosta last week, to go from there to Mineola to pay sick claims of policy holders in his insurance company. While there, an unidentified man shot a white man in a quarrel over personal matters. Since Holder was the only unknown colored man in the community, he was immediately set upon by a mob of whites, hustled into an automobile and driven away.

The kidnapers carried their unsuspecting victim into the woods a short distance away and inflicted a terrible beating upon him, breaking both of his arms. After the beating was over, Holder was able to convince them that he was not the man they thought he was, and he was finally released.

Holder arrived here Saturday night immediately after his release at Mineola. He is a resident of Albany.

SOUGHT BETTER MARKET FOR BOOZE; LANDS IN JAIL

SHREVEPORT, La., March 3.—Paul Lee of Stoner Hill is in the parish jail, charged with the manufacture of moonshine whiskey, and with having in his possession a quantity of liquor. He was arrested by prohibition agents Thursday night.

Lee, who was suspected, was engaged in conversation by one of the officers, and Lee agreed to meet the officer at the Greenwood cemetery, at 8 o'clock, and sell him a bottle of whiskey. The officers secreted themselves in the vicinity where the meeting was to take place, and when Lee drove up in a one-horse wagon, they made the arrest. He had a two-gallon jug of whiskey wrapped up in a tow sack.

After making the arrest the officers went to Lee's house, where they found a fifty-gallon still in operation, 110 gallons of mash and two gallons of whiskey. Lee stated that he had come to Stoner Hill from Belcher, La., because business was dull there, and he had heard that he could secure a better price for his whiskey here.

Lost In Jail 64 Days, Is Released

SHREVEPORT, La., March 3.—E. W. Barrett was brought before Judge John R. Land Friday, on a charge of larceny, and there being no evidence to sustain a conviction, Judge Land ordered him released. Earl H. Crane, assistant district attorney, told the court that Barrett was arrested by the police department some time ago, and transferred to the parish jail on a charge of grand larceny. No report of his incarceration had been made to the office of the district attorney. Barrett had been discovered in the jail, and as no list of witnesses or other evidence of his guilt had been furnished the district attorney, he asked that the negro be released.

Barrett stated that he had been in jail 64 days, and no one had made an effort to get him a trial.

TOO POOR TO PAY ALIMONY SAYS GARVEY

NEW YORK CITY, March 3.—In answering the reopening of the case of Mrs. Amy Garvey against him, Marcus Garvey says that he believes the whole thing to be a conspiracy to undermine the various organizations with which he is identified.

He set forth also that he is unable to pay the alimony asked for, for the reason that his income will not permit, notwithstanding the fact that the original complaint against him revealed the contrary. Again he denies paying his personal check for \$500 for a subscription to the Liberator Liberty Loan. Mr. Garvey declares further that Mrs. Garvey is in good health and fully capable of taking care of herself, incidentally saying "that she attends the theatres several times during the week, or at will." He declares also that it is necessary for him to do considerable traveling, in order to help himself and the organizations he represents. It appears to be his opinion that the whole movement is one to destroy him, Garvey, and the Universal and other organizations which he is connected with. The case will be put forward vigorously by Mrs. Garvey's attorneys, regardless of his denials of the facts disclosed. Garvey is represented by Attorney Wilford H. Smith.

DR. HAMILTON ASKS DIVORCE

Dr. C. S. Hamilton, dentist, with offices in the Avenue Building, has filed suit for divorce against his wife, Mrs. Artie B. Hamilton, charging his wife with infidelity. Mrs. Hamilton in turn has filed a cross-bill alleging cruelty on the part of the young dentist.

Both are well known in the city. Dr. Hamilton as a dentist of coming reputation, and Mrs. Hamilton as extremely active in social circles.

The details upon which Dr. Hamilton bases his charges against his wife are being withheld until after the trial, but are of such a nature as to stir the society.

SELMA UNIV. SUFFERS \$25,000 BLAZE

SELMA, Ala., March 3.—Destruction by fire of the three-story brick structure containing class rooms of the Selma University, well known Negro educational institution, furnished a spectacular blaze at 11:30 Wednesday evening, and jeopardized many buildings in the immediate vicinity, sparks falling over the residence section of the city. Damage is estimated at \$25,000, with \$15,000 insurance. Plans to rebuild are now being made.

JURY DENIES MRS. VARNER ALIMONY

GREENSBORO, N. C., Feb. 26.—The Federal Court jury, trying the case of Mrs. Florence C. Varner, who sued her husband, Colonel Henry B. Varner, of Lexington, for support, today returned a verdict for the defendant after two days' deliberation.

One of the issues required the jury to find whether she was guilty or innocent of the charge of improper relations with Baxter McCrary. The jury answered this affirmatively.

The verdict came after the jury had deliberated for forty-two hours and had cast seven ballots.

The case followed sensational developments in Lexington, N. C., on the night of August 9, 1920, when a group of citizens are alleged to have dragged Baxter McCrary, wealthy colored man, from under the home of H. B. Varner.

A few days later Varner entered charging him with having alienated his wife's affections, and at the same time instituted divorce proceedings against Mrs. Varner. The divorce was thrown out of court under a technicality.

Mrs. Varner, in November, filed a suit in Federal Court, asking for a reasonable subsistence from her husband and title to a building in Lexington, owned by Mr. Varner, said to be worth \$50,000. The trial of the case was begun in Federal Court here February 15, and on February 24, it went to the jury.

When news of the verdict was conveyed to Mrs. Varner at a local sanitarium she collapsed, according to attendants, and is seriously ill this afternoon.

TRANSFORMS ENTIRE FLAT INTO DISTILLERY

NORFOLK, Va., March 3.—Two stills, 500 gallons of mash, 600 pounds of sugar, 300 pounds of meal and 3 gallons of corn whiskey were seized yesterday morning, when Sergeant J. A. Rawls, Second precinct, raided the second-story apartment of a colored dwelling house at 1208 Calvert street.

The two still were running when the officers arrived. Clifford Johnson, 28, who was in the room with the stills, was arraigned in police court on a charge of violating the Mapp prohibition act.

The entire apartment was given over to the stills, supplies and equipment, the officers said. They were located in the back room, and consisted of four 20-gallon lard cans, two cans being connected to make one kettle. These were full of mash and on lighted two-burner oil stoves. The front rooms of the apartment contained barrels of mash. In the third room sugar and meal were stored.

Johnson, who lived in the house alone, had his bed and one rocking chair in the back room where the stills were captured. There was no furniture in the other rooms.

Varner Woman Loses Suit Against Husband

We Now Number 153,088 In New York City

WASHINGTON, March 3.—The negro population of New York City at the time of the 1920 census was 153,088, an increase of 61,379 or 68.9 per cent, the census bureau announces today. The white population was 5,459,004, an increase of 789,842 or 16.9 per cent, and all others 1,212.

The negro population of Terre Haute, Ind., was given as 3,646, an increase of 1,053, or 40.6 per cent. The whites numbered 62,422, an increase of 6,876 or 12.4 per cent, and all others 15.

NOTED MINISTER DIES

NEW ORLEANS, La., March 3.—Rev. Fletcher T. Chinn, a prominent minister of this city, died at his residence in Marengo St. after an illness of two weeks. He was buried from the First St. Church, Bishop R. E. Jones officiating. Interment occurred in Girard Cemetery.

GENE PEOPLE IS SHOT BY W. A. THOMAS

Cabaret Singer's Jealous Husband Follows Lovers And Shoots Rival Dead.

A shot rang out through the silent darkness early Wednesday morning and Eugene People, age 45, 3024 Wabash Ave., fell dead, adding one more life to the ever-increasing toll claimed by Chicago's white-lighted primrose path.

The killing occurred at the corner of 31st St. and Forest Ave.

W. A. Thomas, age 36, 3046 Wabash Ave., had followed his wife, Mrs. Thomas from the Schiller Cafe, 320 E. 31st St., where he had been watching her flirtations with People. Mrs. Thomas was an entertainer in the cafe, where nightly devotees of jazz music listened to her songs.

Immediately after the shooting Thomas and his wife were taken in custody by policemen of the 35th St. station. The slayer made no attempt to deny the act.

People's body was removed to Edward's Undertaking Establishment, 3030 Indiana Ave., where the inquest was held over his body Wednesday afternoon.

Tells Of Infidelity.

In his confession Thomas said: "For some time I had known that People was making love to my wife. He would meet her each night after the Schiller closed. Sometimes she would not get home until broad daylight."

"I waited for them last night at 31st St. and Forest Ave. When they came along I shot People."

People is said to have first met Mrs. Thomas when he worked at the Schiller. He was also formerly employed in Griffin's Music Store on State St.

VARDAMAN'S SON JAILED AS BOND THIEF

MEMPHIS, Tenn., March 3.—James M. Vardaman, a son of James K. Vardaman, formerly a United States senator from Mississippi, has been indicted by the Shelby County grand jury for having received stolen property.

It is alleged that certain Liberty bonds were stolen, and upon investigation the authorities found sufficient grounds to arrest Vardaman. Friends of Vardaman, who was at the time out of the city, have arranged bond to prevent his arrest.

Besides Vardaman, there are five other men, all white, who are also implicated in the stealing. All, of course, deny guilt of the charge of illegal Liberty bond traffic, which will in time be thrashed out by the court. The activities of the secret service and other government officials throughout the county bring to public notice daily scandals, perpetrated not only by the men in ordinary walks of life, but those of high literary and social standing.

Vardaman having been a member of the Senate makes the charges against his son of extraordinary character. It will be remembered that while in that great body his only hobby was preaching race hatred. Since retiring to private life there has been little heard of him. It is now the belief that he has something to call his full attention, as the nature of the charges against his son will require much legal action.

The general belief is that Vardaman will desire to have all the consideration of a court of justice that an unfortunate Negro longs for, but probably will not ask justice for his son, James M.

Young Vardaman is an employee of a bank in Memphis, and it is not stated to what extent this alleged stealing of Liberty bonds has been carried.